

Treatment Review Panel Meeting

Terry Rowe's Office, VSH

March 13, 2008

3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Panel attendees present: Richard Lanza, Psychologist-master; Lis Mickenberg, LICSW;
Wanda Cosman, BSN

Panel member absent: Stuart Graves, MD

Guests: Tom Simpatico, MD; Terry Rowe, LICSW

Public attendees present: None.

The meeting commenced at 3:00 p.m.

- 1) Wanda Cosman approved the meeting minutes for 9/20/07, Richard Lanza seconded.
- 2) Richard Lanza said an annual report for the treatment review panel should be done.
- 3) Wanda Cosman said we should try to recruit alternates for the treatment review panel members, so we are sure to have a quorum each time, allowing the panel to conduct business.
- 4) It was decided that a quorum for this meeting is three out of the four panel members present.
- 5) The Panel went into closed session at this time to discuss a patient's grievance at VSH. VSH has already implemented actions in response to this grievance, and the actions were in congruence with the recommendations the panel would have made, no action was taken by the panel on this case. The Panel requests medical record information to accompany the next grievance report submitted to the panel, in order to better understand the situation and make appropriate recommendations.
- 6) No public were present at this meeting, but arrangements were made for a public session if anyone arrived during the meeting.
- 7) Dr. Simpatico handed out a graph on restraints and seclusions; episodes of emergency involuntary medication and number of patients given emergency involuntary medication, and he provided a description of the precipitating factors for restraint, seclusion, and involuntary medication. Discussion ensued regarding the therapeutic value obtained, and the effect of such intervention on staff and residents.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next meeting will be on Thursday, June 12th, 2008 from 3:00 -5:00 p.m. Due to renovations at this time, the location at VSH for the next meeting will be e-mailed to members before the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Goodwin-Abare
Administrative Assistant
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